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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 5.

Please insert the following replacement (amended) claims:

1. A method of operating a gaming device including a game device controller and at least one peripheral having a peripheral controller associated with said game device controller comprising the steps of:

initiating operation of said gaming device;

transmitting a signal from said peripheral device to said game device controller causing said game device controller to provide control code to said peripheral device;

transmitting said control code to said peripheral device;

authenticating said control code transmitted to said peripheral device at said peripheral device;

storing said control code at said programmable memory of said peripheral device; and

executing said control code with said peripheral controller for effecting operation of said peripheral device.

2. The method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said initiating step comprises providing power to said gaming device peripheral and said step of transmitting said signal is performed in response to said step of providing power.

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a⁹ 3. The method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said initiating step comprises resetting said peripheral device and said step of transmitting said signal is performed in response to said resetting.

a¹⁰ 6. The method in accordance with Claim 1 further including the steps of shutting off power to said peripheral device, removing data from said programmable memory in response to said power being shut off to said peripheral device, and then providing power to said gaming device and said peripheral device to initiate operation of said gaming device and peripheral device.

9. In a gaming device, a method for providing control code for operation of a peripheral device associated with a gaming device controller comprising the steps of:

a¹¹ providing a peripheral controller adapted to control said peripheral device and a programmable memory associated with said controller;

providing a signal by said peripheral device for causing control code to be transmitted from a remote location to said peripheral;

transmitting said control code to said peripheral;

storing said control code at said programmable memory; and

executing said code with said peripheral controller to enable the operation of said peripheral device by said peripheral controller.

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Please add the following new claims:

31. A method of providing new operating code to a peripheral device of a gaming device having a game device controller comprising:

resetting said peripheral device;

transmitting a signal from said peripheral device to said gaming device controller after said peripheral device is reset;

transmitting new executable control code to said peripheral device;

storing said new executable control code at a programmable memory of said peripheral device;

authenticating said new executable control code at said peripheral device; and

executing said new executable control code at a peripheral controller of said peripheral device, enabling operation of said peripheral device.

32. The method in accordance with Claim 31 wherein said programmable memory contains old control code and including the step of erasing said old control code upon said resetting.

33. The method in accordance with Claim 31 wherein said step of storing includes overwriting old control code.

34. The method in accordance with Claim 31 wherein said resetting includes shutting off power to said peripheral device.